Production of Accessories by Singal Telecommunication workshop, Podanur

1054. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Signal and Telecommunication Workshop at Podanur, Southern Railway has the necessary technology and skilled workforce to produce vital accessories like Generation, Tokenless Block Instrument, Rotary Type Point Machine etc. required for Signal and Telecommunication Network of the Indian Railways;

(b) whether it is a fact that there is a proposal to get the above mentioned vital accessories manufactured by private companies;

(c) if the answer to part (b) above be in the affirmative, the details of the proposals; and

(d) the reasons for giving these items to private companies when the existing railway workshop at Podanur is fully competent to manufacture these items?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFAR SHARIEF): (a) Yes, Sir. However, the item mentioned as 'Generation' is not clear.

(b) As far as the "Tokenless Block Instrument" manufactured by Podanur Workshop is concerned, railway's requirements are met from the workshop. Regarding Rotary Type Point Machine, this item has been recently developed by the workshop. The first order is under supply by the Workshop. Bulk order would be considered based on performance of the machine in the field.

(c) and (d) Additional requirements are to be met with suppliers from the Trade.

Misutilisation of W.M. Is and trolley men in Moradabad Division

1055. SHRI GHUFRAN AZAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of misutilisation of W.M. Is. and Trolley Men in Moradabad Division;

(b) if so, the reasons for which post of above categories have not been surrendered despite the closure of yards and abolition of Push Trolley in Moradabad Division; and

(c) the action taken by Government to check the loss of Railway revenue?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C.K. JAFFER SHARIEF): (a) No such case has been reported.

(b) and (c) Trolleymen are required not only for Push Trollies but also for Motor Trollies. Likewise W.M.Is are utilised for chasing the clearance of wagons and reducing detention.

Renewal of Rail Routes

1056. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have decided for the renewal of 2600 kilometres of railways during 1995-96;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the share of Madhya Pradesh in the said renewal with details thereof?